



## Where to Apply for MPHAP

Government of the District of Columbia employees interested in applying for EAHP should contact Housing Counseling Services, Inc., which is a community-based organization responsible for accepting EAHP applications and counseling applicants on the program.

Housing Counseling Service, Inc. 2430 Ontario Road, NW Washington, D.C. 20009 (202) 667-7006

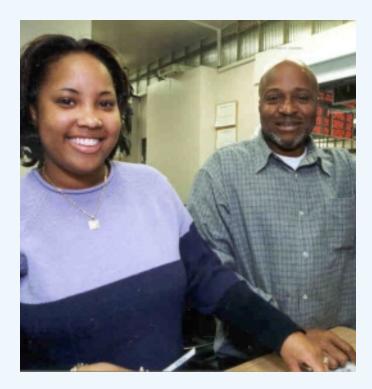
## **Program Description**

The Employer Assisted Housing Program (EAHP) provides Government of the District of Columbia employees with an increased opportunity to become first-time homeowners in Washington, D.C. Through EAHP, the Department of Hosing and Community Development (DHCD) provides eligible applicants with:

- matching down payment funds of up to \$1,500 (\$500 for each \$2,500 saved by an employee) and
- a deferred loan of up to \$10,000.

EAHP awards are provided to a limited number of eligible applicants each year, depending on funds allocated in the department's budget. Employees may buy a home with a minimum down payment of 5%, with 3% coming from personal funds and 2% provided by DHCD. Also, local lenders will finance their mortgage loans under the more lenient Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac guidelines.





## Are You Eligible for a Loan?

To be eligible for EAHP assistance, an applicant must:

- Be a full-time Government of the District of Columbia employee in good standing for at least one year;
- Be a first-time homebuyer in the District of Columbia;
- Have an adequate income to afford a mortgage loan from a private lender; and
- Possess a good credit rating.

## 7 Easy Steps to Homeownership

Step 1 – Contact the Housing Counseling Services, Inc. a pre-application housing counseling session.

Step 2 – Gather the required documentation requested by your housing counselor and complete your EAHP application.

Step 3 – If your application is approved by the Greater Washington Urban League (GWUL), you will receive a Notice of Eligibility, which will indicate your financial assistance amount and the qualifying price range for your new home.

Step 4 – Find a house, condominium, or cooperative apartment and enter into a sales agreement to purchase it. Forward a copy of the sales agreement to GWUL.

Step 5 – Complete your mortgage application from your carefully selected financial institution. Be sure to include a copy of your Notice of Eligibility and sales agreement.

Step 6 – Complete the transfer of ownership from the current homeowner to you, which is known as settlement.

Step 7 – Move into your new home.



If your EAHP application is denied by GWUL, you should consider asking your housing counselor the following two questions:

- 1. Can I do anything to correct the factor(s) responsible for my denial?
- 2. Can you recommend a strategy to help me strengthen my application?